Plan for demolitions in Okhla near Yamuna

1765. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a plan to demolish all constructions in Okhla within 300 metres of River Yamuna;

(b) the action that the DDA has taken to implement Usha Mehra Committee report in this regard; and

(c) whether the Central Government prepared any plan to rehabilitate the affected people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported that Delhi High Court, in WP (C) No. 2112/2002, has ordered for demolition of all unauthorized/religious structures within 300 m. on either side of Yamuna.

(b) DDA has reported that land in question pertains to Joga Bai and Okhla villages which was acquired for Yamuna Channelization Scheme, but was not handed over to DDA by the Land Acquisition Collector/Land & Building Deptt. of GNCTD. Justice Usha Mehra Committee, constituted by Delhi High Court, in its meeting dated 30.6.2006, decided that all unauthorized structures on this land have to be removed. The programme for taking over of possession of land was fixed for 15th and 17th July 2006 but could not be carried out due to heavy public resistance and suggestion of police authorities. Later, in respect of the same land, a writ was filed by Federation of RWA, Jamia Nagar versus UOI & Others in Delhi High Court in which the demolition action was stayed by High Court on 18.7.2006 till consideration of the matter by the aforementioned Committee. Further action by DDA will depend on the orders of the Court/ Committee and litigation before the Court.

(c) DDA has reported that it takes vacant possession of land from the Land Acquisition Collector/Land & Building Deptt. of GNCTD, and, therefore, no rehabilitation plan has been prepared by DDA.

Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Act, 2006

1766. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether consequent to the enactment of the Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Act, 2006 sealing and demolition action in Delhi has stopped;

(b) whether Government had clarified that sealed shops would be desealed during the time period the Act remains in force;

(c) whether he had assured that relief would be given to the residents whose properties were demolished;

(d) the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to allow house owners to repair the partially demolished houses as owners are facing lot of hardships due to punctured roofs and demolished terraces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) The Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Act, 2006 which came into effect from 19th May, 2006 provides for maintenance of *status quo* as on 1.1.2006 in respect of certain categories of unauthorised development as mentioned in Section 3 (1) of the Act. The Act also provides that notices issued by any local authority and punitive action in respect of these categories shall be suspended for a period of one year from the date of the coming into effect of the Act.

(b) Government has issued directions on 20.5.2006 under section 5 of the said Act which *inter alia* provide that premises sealed by any local authority in pursuance of a judgement/order or decree of any Court after 1.1.2006 shall be eligible to be restored for a period of one year with effect from 19.5.2006 to the position as was existing on 1.1.2006.

(c) to (e) Section 4 of the Act prescribes that no relief under Section 3 of the Act shall be available to any construction unauthorizedly started or continued on or after 1.1.2006.

Master Plan for Delhi

1767. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of finalisation of the Master Plan-2021 for Delhi and by when it would be notified;

(b) whether any proposal for extensive development of metro corridors by allowing higher Floor Area Ratio (FAR) for residential and commercial development have been included in the Master Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;